

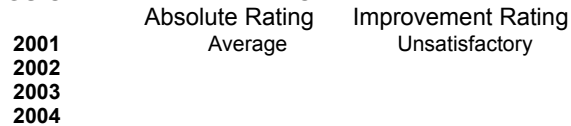
ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 102.

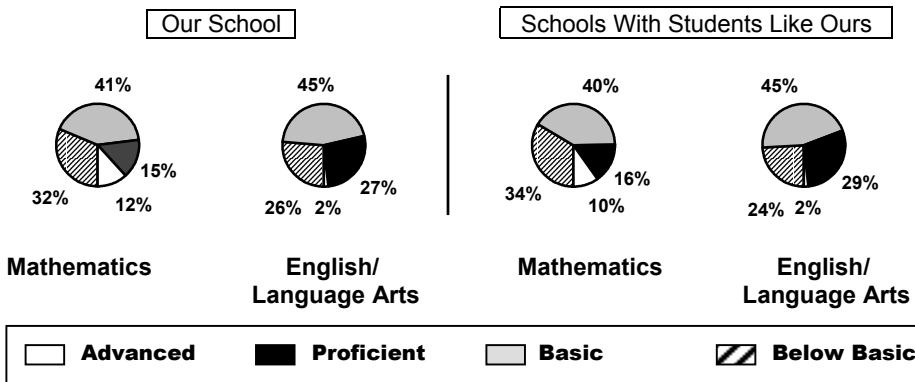
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=726)	73.6	68.5	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=79)	39.2	32.5		
Students without disabilities (n=644)	78.1	73		
Gender				
Male (n=379)	68.6	67.7		
Female (n=344)	79.7	69.5		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=40)	67.5	48.8		
Hispanic (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=676)	74.3	69.9		
Other (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=410)	69.8	64.8		
Pay for lunch (n=313)	79.2	73.5		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,058	N/A	\$5,222	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88.7%	Down from 89.6%	89.8%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	N/A	18.5 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,316)				
• Attendance Rate	94.3%	Down from 95.2%	96%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	1%	N/A	3.7%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	1%	N/A	3.1%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	96.3%	Up from 94.1%	96.6%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	3.2%	Up from 2.5%	3.5%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=93)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.4 Days	Up from 6.1	7.3 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.1%	Up from 95%	95%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	36.6%	Down from 40.2%	46.6%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	71%	Down from 72.2%	85.2%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	Down from 1.1%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	86%	Down from 89.5%	88.2%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,346	Up 5.6%	\$37,165	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	70.4%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	2	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	77.9%	N/A	95.3%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	30.2%	Up from 17.2%	44.1%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.8%	No change	1.2%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	130	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	11%	Down from 12.9%	11.5%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.1%	Up from 7.9%	9.1%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Pelion Elementary Panthers had a very successful 2000–01 school year.

During the year, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visited Pelion Elementary as part of our continuing accreditation in the quality school improvement process. We received an outstanding rating by the peer review team.

We entered a new era in Pelion history this year as we began preparing our fifth and sixth graders and their parents for the fifth and sixth grade move to the new Pelion Middle School.

The entire Pelion community felt the excitement as we designed, built and opened two additional wings for our kindergarten and first grade classrooms.

We continued to work on expanding opportunities for students to access technology and to make the Internet available for all grades in the building. We purchased additional computers for the new classrooms. All students will have access to the school's two computer labs. We will continue to expand the Media Center's capabilities so that students school-wide can access the Accelerated Reader program.

Pelion Elementary continues to focus its efforts on reducing the percentage of students in the first, second and third grades scoring lower than we would like in reading and math on standardized tests. To help us meet this goal, we added a pre-kindergarten 3-year-old program for students with special needs.

We also added a first and second grade literacy program that uses several different approaches to teaching reading. With this balanced literacy approach, no matter how a child learns, that child can be successful.

We appreciate our great PTO and School Improvement Council, chaired by Donna Proveaux. This year the PTO raised funds to provide new outdoor seating and teacher-requested projects.

Pelion Elementary is a place where examples of Panther Pride show every single day.

We are glad you are part of it.

J. Thomas Siler

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	83.7	78.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	88.0	79.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	70.7	83.9	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Pelion Elementary
1202 Pine Street
Pelion, SC 20123

Grades K-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 1,316 Students

Principal

Mr. Tom Siler 803-894-2000

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Board Chair

Mr. James H. Riddle Jr. 803-356-4977



THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Below Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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